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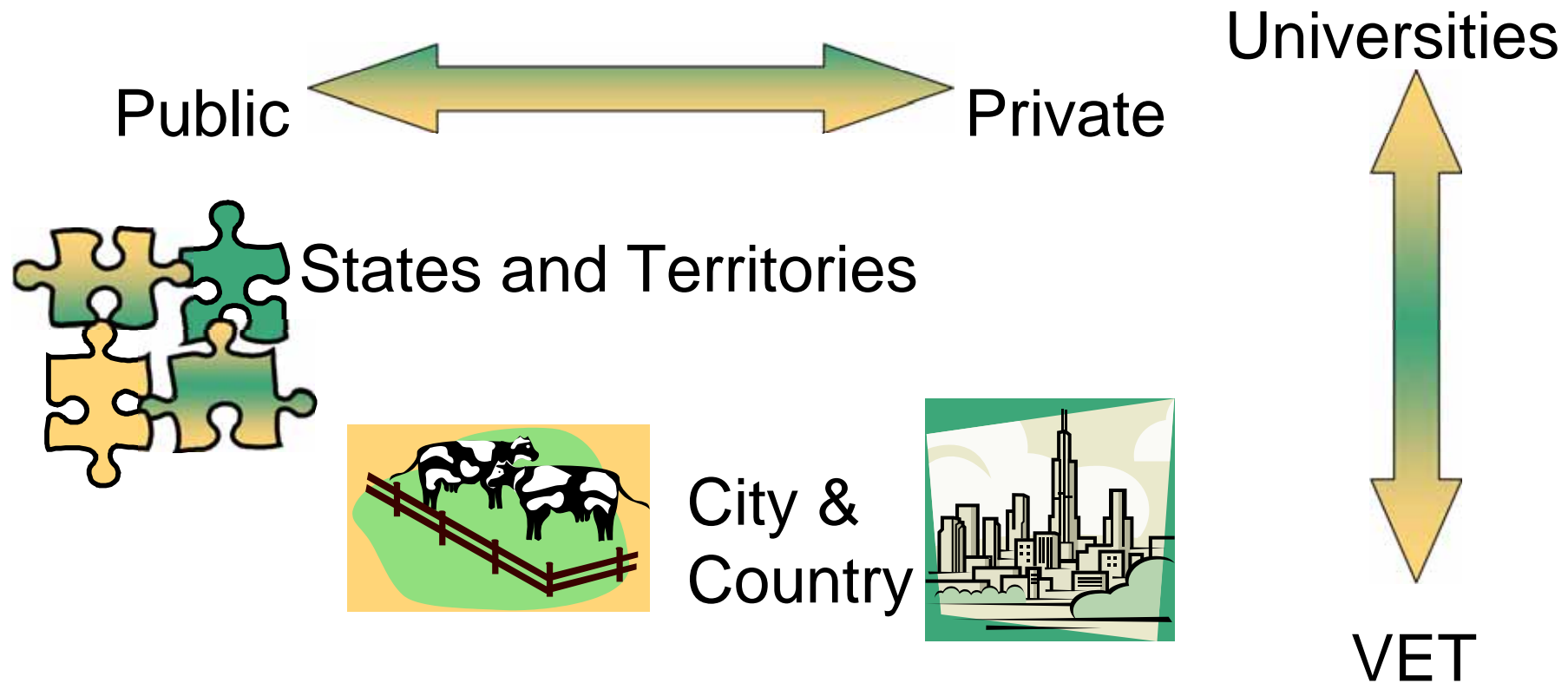
## **ACPET already bridges the gap...**

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) is the only truly national industry association representing more than 750 private providers of **post-compulsory education and training** to both Australian and international students, including :


- higher education
- vocational education
- English language courses

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## Bridging the Gap - Which Gaps?



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What – and how  - is Australia's Private  
Higher Education Sector?

What - and how  - is Australia's Private  
Vocational Education and Training Sector?

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# Private Higher Education in Australia

1999: 18,000 EFTSU in private institutions = 3.4% of total student load (554 000) in the higher education sector.

(source: **DEST Survey of Private Providers in Australian Higher Education 1999**, Louise Watson, University of Canberra, June 2000)

Today: 650,000 EFTSU in universities (DEST, 2003)

45,000 EFTSU in private institutions (COPHE/ACPET estimate 2005)

= 6.9% total no. students in higher ed sector

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# Private VET in Australia

## A case study



Independent consultants, William Buck,  
engaged by Qld DET in 2004 to assess the size  
and nature of the private training market.

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## The Qld Case Study

### Survey Participation :

 The number of Qld RTOs completing the survey (out of a population of 681): **283**

 % of Queensland private training institutions that the survey results represent: **42%**

### Participation by organisation type:

**Industry Organisation: 90%**      **Community Ed Provider: 5%**


**Govt Organisation: 5%**      **Agricultural College: 1%**

(Organisation types are as specified by the Department of Employment & Training)

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## The Findings...

 No. students in accredited training with surveyed providers:  
**208,765**

 Extrapolation of data by William Buck, DET and Qld Govt Statistician Office indicate **472,000 +/- 66 000** students with private providers

 Compares with **230,000** studying at Qld TAFE  
(Qld DET website)

 Fee for Service is now estimated: **86%**

 67% of VET student enrolments in Queensland occurred in private RTOs during 2003-04

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## The National Picture

- Qld findings likely to be repeated around the country
- First concrete data expected to be outcomes of NCVER national survey of private providers – Prof Roger Harris, Uni of SA
- Results released at:

### **ACPET National Conference**

**Adelaide Convention Centre**

**25-27 August 2005**

[www.acpet.edu.au](http://www.acpet.edu.au) or [www.pco.com.au/acpet2005](http://www.pco.com.au/acpet2005)

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## The Implications?

 Who is providing VET?

 Who is paying for VET?

 Who is making the decisions about VET?

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## Examples of Bridging the Gap



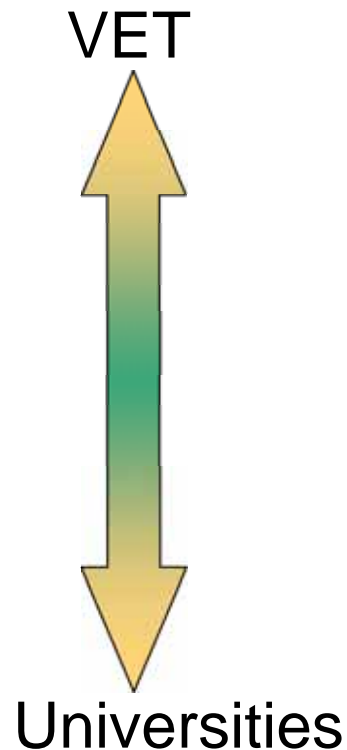
 Joint RFPs for Australian Technical Colleges

 ACPET/TDA – closer links

 Competitive neutrality?

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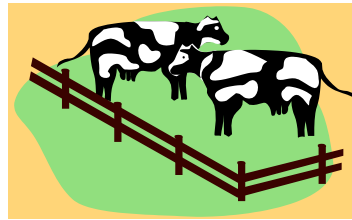
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- ✦ PSC/RMIT
- ✦ IBT Group/Deakin/Macquarie/Curtin
- ✦ Martin College/CSU
- ✦ Holmes College/James Cook Uni

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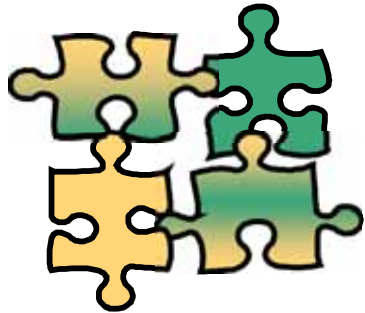
City &  
Country



Pivot Point Hair Design College/Bendigo Institute of TAFE  
- lease facilities (ie successful 3<sup>rd</sup> party access in play)

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## Bridging the Gap



States and Territories



Licensing



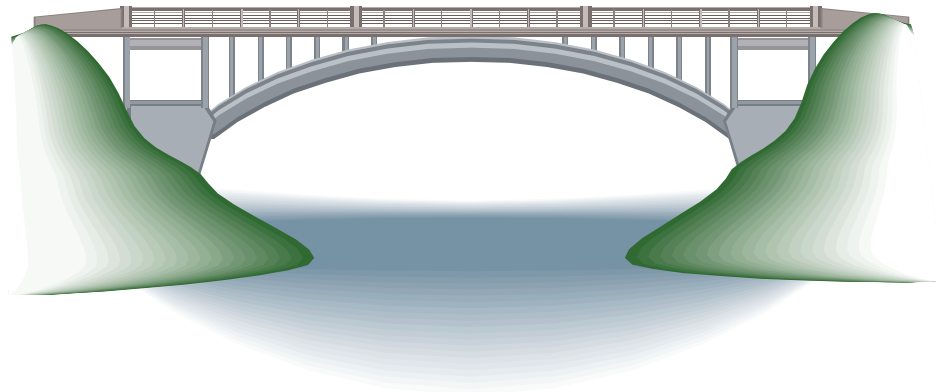
Mutual Recognition



Registration/Compliance Costs

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**The biggest bridge of them all....**



VET Student Loan Scheme

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